(a) whether Allopathic chemist shops are opened under Registration of Allopathic Pharmacists;

(b) whether Ayurvedic and Allopathic medicines are sold at these pharmacist shops;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Ayurvedic and Allopathic medicines are quiet different; and

(e) if so, whether Government proposes to take action to ensure that Ayurvedic medicines should be sold through chemist shops that are opened under registration of Ayurvedic Pharmacists exclusively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. However, no sale licence is required for sale of Ayurvedic medicines under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act and Rules made thereunder.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

Electro homoeopathy doctors

1341. SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that quacks are rampant in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons for not granting permission to the pharmacist, staff nurses having knowledge of anatomy, physiology and medicines under Electro Homoeopathy system to do practice for physical treatment; and

(c) whether Government proposes to allow the said paramedical staff to do the above mentioned practice, keeping in view the efficacy of medicines of the Electro-Homoeopathic system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Only the Medical practitioners, who are registered under provisions of the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956, Indian Medicine Central Council Act, 1970 and Homoeopathy Central Council Act, 1973, are eligible to practice medicine in the respective system of medicine governed by these Acts. The provisions exist in these Acts to take action against unqualified/unregistered practitioners of medicine. The State Medical Councils who grant registration to practitioners take action where called for against quacks. Any person who acts in contravention of the provisions can be punished with imprisonment and fine under respective Acts.

Financial support to national pharmacovigilance programme

1342. SHRI B.S. GNANADESIKAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the funding support by the World Bank to National Pharmacovigilance Programme (NPP) has been stopped;